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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
Shigeki Maekawa et al.)
Application No.: 10/659,281) Group Art Unit: 2829
Filed: September 11, 2003) Examiner: Vinh P. Nguyen
For: SOCKET FOR TESTING A) Confirmation No.: 5683
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A)
CONNECTING SHEET USED FOR)
THE SAME)

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2004 (Paper No. 0904). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified four distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The four species identified by the Examiner are:

- A) Species of Fig. 3,
- B) Species of Fig. 6,
- C) Species of Fig. 9,
- D) Species of Fig. 10.

Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that Fig. 6 shows a connecting sheet 2a, 2b. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully point out that Fig. 6 is a partial view of the test socket which contains a circuit board 16 shown in Figs. 2-5.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect B) Species of Fig. 6 claimed in claims 1-5 and 10-16. It is understood that claims 6-9 will be

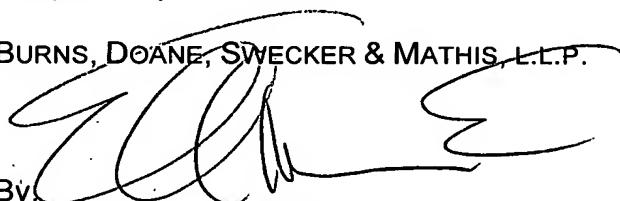
withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 1-5 and 10-16 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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